

REMARKS

Claims 93-106 are being added to the present application. Claims 93-96 are the same claims as claims 54-57 of U.S. Application No. 10/460,813 (“the ‘813 application”), which is a divisional reissue application from the present reissue application. Claims 97-106 are the same claims as claims 60-69 of the ‘813 application.

In conversation with Examiner Tran, consolidation of allowable claims from the ‘813 application with the allowable claims of the present application was deemed acceptable. As was further discussed with Examiner Tran, the ‘813 application will be expressly abandoned upon confirming entry of new claims 93-106 in the present application.

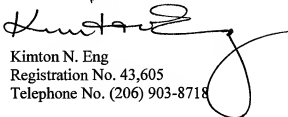
A supplemental reissue declaration of the inventor, Mr. Todd Merritt, submitted with the present response is directed to claims 1-3, 5-11, 13-19, 21-26, 28-34, 36-42, 45-49, 52, 53, and 93-106.

As stated in the supplemental reissue declaration, Mr. Merritt believes the original patent U.S. Patent No. 5,983,314 to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, by reason of claiming less than he had the right to claim in the patent. For example, originally issued U.S. Patent No. 5,983,314 did not include claims directed to method embodiments of the invention disclosed in the application. Accordingly, a Preliminary Amendment was filed on November 9, 2001 in Application No. 10/006,785 (“the ‘785 application”), to add method claims directed to various method embodiments of the invention. The method claims of the ‘785 application were restricted and then prosecuted to allowance in Application No. 10/460,813 (“the ‘813 application”), a divisional application of the ‘785 application. The allowed claims from the ‘813 application have been added to the ‘785 application to consolidate all allowable claims therein. The error and all other errors corrected in this reissue application and which are not covered by the prior declarations submitted in this application, arose without any deceptive intention on Mr. Merritt’s part.

All claims in the present application are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and a timely Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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